



Brownfields 2009 Grant Fact Sheet

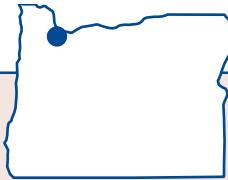
Oregon
*Tradeswomen, Inc.,
Portland, OR*

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. The brownfields job training grants provide residents of communities impacted by brownfields with the skills and training needed to effectively gain employment in assessment and cleanup activities associated with brownfield redevelopment and environmental remediation. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. (OTI), was selected to receive a job training grant. OTI is a nonprofit organization that serves the Greater Portland and Multnomah County areas (population 671,121) in northwest Oregon. More than 17 percent of county families live



Job Training Grant

\$200,000

EPA has selected Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. (OTI), for a job training grant. OTI plans to train 120 participants, place a minimum of 78 trainees in environmental jobs, and track students for at least two years, including a minimum of one year after the close of the grant. The training program will consist of at least eight six-week, 145-hour cycles that will include 40-hour HAZWOPER certification training, certification of graduation from a state approved pre-apprentice program, and training in specialized knowledge of brownfields problems and solutions. Primary trainers include OTI, the University of Washington, three environmental justice organizations, and the Portland Brownfields Program. Students will be recruited from the low-income, minority, unemployed, or underemployed female population in the area. OTI has developed partnerships with labor unions that operate apprenticeship programs and with potential employers. These partners will work with OTI to place graduates in environmental jobs.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/cleanup.nsf/sites/bf>

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

below the poverty level. For families with a female head of household and children under the age of five, the poverty rate is 51 percent. According to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, there are 700 contaminated sites within the City of Portland. Many of these sites are located along commercial corridors and threaten adjacent residential neighborhoods. Major thoroughfares, municipal landfills, and sewage treatment plants are located within these neighborhoods. At the same time, the Portland region is experiencing a population growth that is more than twice the national average. Limited developable land within Portland is creating great pressure for brownfields redevelopment. Oregon's economic history indicates that there will continue to be a demand for graduates with certified environmental skills.